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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOUICHI AKASAKA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: DIACOU, ARI M.  
SERIAL NO: 10/824,402 :  
FILED: APRIL 15, 2004 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3663  
FOR: RAMAN AMPLIFIER, OPTICAL :  
REPEATER, AND RAMAN AMPLIFICATION  
METHOD

**PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
APPLICATION FROM ISSUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.313(c)(2)**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-identified application from issue under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2) in order to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 in a Request for Continued Examination filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The Issue Fee was paid in this application on March 14, 2007. Request for Continued Examination and an Information Disclosure Statement are being concurrently filed herewith. Favorable consideration of this petition is respectfully requested.

The processing fee of \$130.00 as set forth in § 1.17(h) is enclosed.

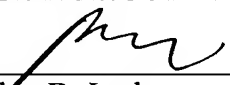
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